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In-service-training to all trained teachers

* 96 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to give in-service-training to all trained teachers in High Schools; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : At present, there is no proposal. But will the Government think of giving in-service-training to all trained teachers in high schools in view of the reorganized scheme of education ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : It may be considered in due course.

Sri S. NATARAJAN : They can give the training at least to some teachers in high schools now.

Secondary Grade teachers in aided elementary schools

* 97 *Q.*—G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Secondary Grade teachers in aided elementary schools appointed prior to 1st November 1956 are not given the scale of pay of Rs. 45—2—85, when they change from one school to another;

(*b*) whether any representation has been received by the Government in this regard; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) No representation has been received in this regard.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it not a fact that the Government have made this pay personal in the case of teachers who entered service before 1st November 1956, though they serve in lower elementary schools ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am sorry I do not have that information.

'Ragging'

* 98 *Q.*—Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Medical and Engineering Colleges, prohibiting 'ragging'; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Heads of Departments concerned have been asked to instruct the Principals of Medical and Engineering Colleges to take steps to curb the tendency to rag freshmen.

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VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : சென்ற ஜூலையில் மெட்ராஸ் மெடிகல் காலேஜ் ஹாஸ்டலிலிருந்து 'ராகிங்' கொடுமை பொறுக்க முடியாமல் யாராவது மாணவர்கள் ஓடிவிட்டது அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவரப் பட்டதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think the Government have received any representation in regard to this.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : In view of the fact that we hear many things about this, will the Government give insrtuctions to the effect that this ragging should be stopped ? Ragging as an innocent thing is all right; but when it is a serious thing, the Government must take steps to stop this ragging completely.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have instructed the Principals of Colleges and the Deans in the case of medical colleges to see that this is put a stop to. But after all, some young men exceed the limits sometimes, and I hope, Sir, that in course of time, it will be possible to curb this tendency.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether the instructions are to stop it completely or to allow it within reasonable limits ? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : 'Reasonable limits' will be very difficult to fix. Our attempt should be that ragging does not take place.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, there seems to be a difference of opinion. Mr. Balasubramanya Ayyar has taken an extreme view and there are other views that it should be allowed within certain limits. After all, Sir, when old boys and new boys join, should not the occasion be celebrated in some form, within tolerable limits ? What is wrong with it ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question is, what is tolerable limit. For some persons, ragging may be tolerable. But others find it intolerable. Therefore, I do not see any reason why it should be celebrated in this peculiar form which smacks of something other than human.

SRI S. T. ADITYAN : May I ask a question, Sir ? Has ragging been reported from colleges other than the Medical and the Engineering ?

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Mostly Medical.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Mostly in colleges. But in some hostels also, we hear about this ragging.

Non-specific stimulants

*99 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the substances prepared in the King Institute, Guindy, to serve as non-specific stimulants in the immunization work mentioned on page 8 of the report on the activities of the Medical and Public Health Departments for the half-year ended 30th June 1959; and